



# Rice Gleanings

THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## GENEALOGICAL, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES' WORKSHOPS SUCCESSFUL

On two Saturday afternoons in January and February, the Northfield Historical Society and the Rice County Genealogical Society co-sponsored two workshops. "Keeping the Family Together", in conjunction with the Minnesota Historical Society's traveling exhibit highlighting family history. Attendance was more than anticipated.

The first session stressed beginning genealogy. Luana Bauer introduced family sheets via overhead projector; Betty Jane Gould showed some of the resources available in the local research centers; and Caroline de Mauriac, then executive director of the Historical Society, described the program format and presented historical society resources.

Preservation of documents and photographs was the focus of the second session. Preservation included organization and filing materials as well as selecting pictures and documents to save. Caroline de Mauriac illustrated the process of encapsulation.

Both sessions provided question asking time and opportunities to browse among the displays, which included in addition to the local resources a consignment of genealogical books from Park Genealogical Book Co.

## COMPUTER FILE GROWING

John Delby, our computer "Wizard," has made his latest report, but let us assure you that as soon as he finished this report it was out of date, for he keeps adding data to his file. As of 29 Mar 1990, he had on his computer:  
27,000 names, indexes to 3 Rice county histories, 1882 and 1910 (2).

4,000 names, index to 1900 Rice county plat book

3,000 names, index to 1896 Rice county plat book

50,000 names, index to burials in Rice county cemeteries (and some cemeteries surrounding Rice County). Index includes cemetery section, birth/death dates, spouse's/parents' names.

Current project is an index of all family history books stored at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, Faribault.

## NEW BOOKS

THE STORY OF DUNDAS (CANADA) has arrived. Marge Neuhaus, a Dundas, Minnesota, researcher, reviews it.

THE GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, NY is an addition to our resources.

MEYER'S GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HISTORY has been ordered.



## THE STORY OF DUNDAS

By J. Smyth Carter, Rowena, Ont.

Published by Mika Publishing, P.O. Box 5361 Bellville, Ont. (reprint). Originally published in 1905 by the St. Lawrence News publishing house, Iroquois, Ont. \$35.00.

Mr. Carter, probably long gone, has done a remarkable study of Dundas Co. Ont., for which Dundas, Minnesota is named. The places he discusses are familiar to me because several years ago I spent a week in Dundas county doing research on the Archibald family. The Archibalds have only one mention in this book but other families of Dundas and environs are prominent: Harkness, Collison, Empey, Cleland, Cook, Rose, Ault, and Low.

For my research, I found the story of Dickenson's Landing to have a lot of information. This book was written by Leonard O'Dette and purchased at the gift shop at Upper Canada Village just east of Morrisburg. There is another book of interest that I wasn't able to read all the way. (One can spend just so much time browsing when the lady in charge is watching): HISTORY OF STORMONT, DUNDAS, AND GLENGARY by Harkness.

Questioning some of the information, I wrote to Mrs. Lynne Cook, Box 285, Norrisburg, Ontario K0C 1X0. She is the 1st Vice-President of the St. Lawrence branch of the United Loyalist association and is very generous with her information.

Aside from the fact that Mr. Carter ignored the Archibalds, I found the book fun reading.

Addition of an index would have made the book easier and quicker to use.

Reviewed by M. E. Neuhaus

WE WELCOME SUSAN GARWOOD AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Northfield Historical Society. She has been associate director for the past year.

## CAROLINE WILLE

Caroline M. Wille, 59, died of cancer on Monday, Jan. 8, 1990, at the Metropolitan Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Wille was born July 12, 1930 in Kenyon, MN to Edmund and Alma (Shelby) Henkel.

She graduated from Kenyon High School and the University of Minnesota. After college she taught at Melrose and Harmony schools until her marriage to Willard Wille on Dec. 1, 1961 in Minneapolis. They farmed in the rural Kenyon area.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Susan Tonga of Cannon Falls and Kathryn Gunnarson of Lakeville; and two sons, Wayne of Kasson and David of Kenyon.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 12 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Nerstrand with the Rev. Gordon Wiegrefe officiating.

Music was provided by soloist Bill Barsness accompanied by Craig Keller on the organ.

Interment will be in Nerstrand Evangelical Cemetery in the spring.

Pallbearers were Harlan Hildebrandt, Dean Remme, Dennis Wille, Luverne Wille, Carlyle Remme and Terry LaCanne.

## 1990 MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Just a reminder. The year begins in January, so if you have not paid your dues, please send them in!

Single membership	\$7.00
Family membership	\$9.00



## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Having just received two or three genealogical publications carrying editorial apologies for lateness, I thought I would feel less guilty for the fact that we have had no RICE GLEANINGS this year—or much of last year. My sense of guilt is still heavy.

Have those of you who are retired ever had the feeling that I have had: that we need to go back to work to find some time to rest? Luana Bauer, who has served as president, and contributed much in other research and program areas, has more than a full schedule. She graduated from Mankato State University, became deeply involved in the guardian ad litem program, is now phasing out that as her conservator work increases. One of her special interests is Belgian genealogy. Jerry Solberg took Luana's place, but his term was very short as he has moved to Waseca. Veronica Grant, vice president, is doing a great job filling in for the president.

Caroline Wille, who served as treasurer for so long, lost her valiant fight against cancer. She was an expert in finding those ancestors who seem determined to remain hidden in the legal documents of courthouses—name changes, for one thing, and in translating German letters or documents. Audrey DeMann has taken over the financial tasks. Audrey might be called "official filler-in." She relieves Dundas postmaster Arlene Williams, also a RCGS member, and helps at a clothing store office when needed. Harriet Hamann is secretary and publicity. Charlene Erickson is historian, finds she can't attend meetings this year as she is attending night classes after her work in the St. Olaf music department.

Alice Fink has been named state DAR Registrar. She has willed her local job to Betty Jane Goold. Alice and Betty Jane recently met with four women who are in the process of filling out papers for DAR membership.

Elizabeth Moe and John Dalby are busy at the Rice County Historical Society Museum in Faribault cataloging, indexing, computeriz-

ing, helping people who are looking for ancestors. They also do much of the courthouse and Faribault public library research for those seeking help in locating Rice county data.

Betty Jane Goold is RCGS librarian and researcher. She opens the mail, check for names in the cemetery records, county histories, and other resources of the RCGS, flies into the public library on her way to or in between meetings of Church Women United, Housing Task Force, United Methodist Women, helping the local Food Shelf or the Historical Society Museum, AAUW, or retired teachers—to check the state censuses, local newspaper files, and other state and local resources housed in the Pye Room. And when it's possible, a trip to St. Paul to check at the MN State Historical Society Research and MN Genealogical Society libraries. BJ is ably assisted by Audrey DeMann, and if there is a question about Dundas, Audrey, Arlene, and Veronica come through. It was Arlene, the postmaster, who knew that there was a town of Lester (with a p.o.) once upon a time. And these three know about Holy Cross Episcopal Church and the people buried in that little cemetery. And ask about Forest Township, John Dalby and these others are ready to show their knowledge.

## QUERY UPDATES

Richard ROBERTS has presented us with a challenge. He is looking for burial sites for Isaac P. CARR and Louisa CARR and for Henry M. CARR. He needs a marriage or death certificate for Charlotte M. CARR and a marriage record for Isaac Dennis CARR and Nancy Ann BOWMAN. Elizabeth Ann CARR married Alanson LOCKWOOD. Later she married a WICKHAM. Sarah Jane CARR married Hiram LOCKWOOD. All these records would be found prior to official record keeping in Minnesota. The families were in the Cannon City census. Most of them I have found on 1865 state census; some appear on the 1860 federal census. Answering questions about this family will take some digging.

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## RICE COUNTY CEMETERIES - PRICE LIST

Costs	Location #	Township	Name of Cemetery
\$8.00	1 BR 10	BRIDGEWATER 1039 entries on 20 page	GROVELAND (Village of Dundas)
\$1.00	2 BR 15	BRIDGEWATER 22 entries on 1 page	HOLY CROSS
\$2.00	3 BR 31	BRIDGEWATER 54 entries on 1 page	ROLLING GREEN (ALBERS)
\$2.00	4 CY 8	CANNON CITY 208 entries on 4 pages	NORTH GROVE
\$20.00	5 CY 19	CANNON CITY 2494 entries on 50 pages	ST. LAWRENCE IN TOWN FARIBO
\$8.00	6 CY 19	CANNON CITY 867 entries on 17 pages	OAK RIDGE IN TOWN FARIBO
\$2.00	7 CY 20	CANNON CITY 141 entries on 3 pages	CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD FARIBO
\$4.00	8 CY 22	CANNON CITY 511 on 10 pages	CANNON CITY
\$2.00	54 CY 35	CANNON CITY 107 entries on 2 pages	OLD PRAIRIEVILLE
\$1.00	9 FT 1	FOREST 11 entries on 1 page	BERG
\$2.00	10 FT 9	FOREST 195 entries on 4 pages	CHRISTDALA LUTHERAN CHURCH
\$2.00	11 FT 17	FOREST 184 entries on 4 pages	GERMAN UNION
\$2.00	12 FT 23	FOREST 74 entries on 2 pages	FOREST CEMETERY
\$6.00	13 FT 34	FOREST 94 entries on 2 pages	FOX LAKE
\$6.00	14 MN 5	MORRISTOWN 615 entries on 12 pages	CONCORDIA NORTH MORRISTOWN
\$10.00	15 MN 23	MORRISTOWN 1121 entries on 22 pages	RIVERSIDE
\$2.00	16 MN 34	MORRISTOWN 38 entries on 1 page	HILLSIDE
\$2.00	17 MN 35	MORRISTOWN 42 entries on 1 page	MORRISTOWN
\$8.00	18 ND 5	NORTHFIELD 1080 entries on 22 pages	CALVARY
\$22.00	19 ND 6	NORTHFIELD 2674 entries on 53 pages	NORTHFIELD CITY
\$2.00	20 ND 22	NORTHFIELD 67 entries on 2 pages	PRAIRIE CREEK
\$26.00	21 ND 32	NORTHFIELD 3200 entries on 64 pages	OAK LAWN
\$1.00	22 RD 4	RICHLAND 120 entries on 3 pages	PRAIRIEVILLE E.U.B.
\$1.00	23 RD 12	RICHLAND 8 entries on 1 page	FAMILY CEMETERY
\$2.00	24 RD 16	RICHLAND 105 entries on 2 pages	ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC

Costs	Location #	Township	Name of Cemetery
\$1.00	25 RD 18	RICHLAND 4 entries on 1 page	PIEPHO ABANDONED
\$1.00	26 RD 27	RICHLAND 14 entries on 1 page	RICHLAND
\$1.00	27 RD 30	RICHLAND 171 entries on 4 pages	STOOS
	28 RD 35	RICHLAND	MOLAND
\$8.00	29 SE 1	SHIELDSVILLE 958 entries on 19 pages	ST. PATRICKS CATHOLIC
\$2.00	30 SE 9	SHIELDSVILLE 106 entries on 2 pages	TREBON
\$24.00	31 WT 8	WALCOTT 2871 entries on 57 pages	MEADOW RIDGE PARK FARIBO
\$2.00	32 WT 8	WALCOTT 60 entries on 2 pages	WOODMAN
\$2.00	33 WT 18	WALCOTT 215 entries on 4 pages	DENNISON
\$2.00	34 WT 25	WALCOTT 88 entries on 2 pages	EKLUND
\$1.00	35 WW 2	WARSAW	RICE COUNTY POOR FARM
\$4.00	36 WW 18	WARSAW 488 entries on 10 pages	WARSAW CEMETERY
\$2.00	37 WR 1	WEBSTER 130 entries on 3 pages	HAZELWOOD LUTHERAN
\$2.00	38 WR 5	WEBSTER 169 entries on 3 pages	ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN
\$2.00	39 WR 9	WEBSTER 310 entries on 6 pages	SOLAR LUTHERAN
\$4.00	40 WR 12	WEBSTER 459 entries on 9 pages	ANNUNCIATION I. C. HAZELWOOD
\$2.00	41 WR 31	WEBSTER 199 entries on 4 pages	TRONDHJEM LUTHERAN
	42 WS 21	WELLS	REMOVED
\$30.00	43 WS 35	WELLS 3735 entries on 74 pages	I. C. CALVARY FARIBO
\$50.00	44 WS 36	WELLS 8000 entries	MAPLE LAWN FARIBO
\$4.00	45 WD 9	WHEATLAND 470 entries on 10 pages	VESELI HOLY TRINITY
\$2.00	46 WD 10	WHEATLAND 273 entries on 6 pages	VESELI ST. JOHN'S
\$1.00	47 WD 23	WHEATLAND 19 entries on 1 page	BOHEMIAN
\$2.00	48 WD 29	WHEATLAND 61 entries on 1 page	FRENCH CATHOLIC (ST. LOUIS)
\$8.00	49 WD 35	WHEATLAND 1043 entries on 20 pages	CALVARY LONSDALE
\$2.00	50 WG 4	WHEELING 339 entries on 7 pages	VALLEY GROVE



Cost	Location #	Township	Name of Cemetery
\$2.00	51 WG 11	WHEELING 91 entries on 2 pages	NERSTRAND
\$2.00	52 WG 24	WHEELING 290 entries on 6 pages	EVANGELICAL
\$6.00	53 WG 28	WHEELING 657 entries on 13 pages	ST. JOHN'S
\$2.00	54 WW 7	WARSAW 12 entries on 1 page	HERSHEY BURIAL GROUND-ABANDONED

#### TOWNSHIP PRICE LIST

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\$4.00 + 1.00 postage	BRIDGEWATER	1118 entries on 22 pages
\$6.00 + 2.00 " "	CANNON CITY	828 entries on 16 pages
\$4.00 + 1.00 " "	FOREST	559 entries on 11 pages
\$14.00 + 3.00 " "	MORRISTOWN	1781 entries on 35 pages
\$4.00 + 1.00 " "	RICHLAND	442 entries on 9 pages
\$10.00 + 3.00 " "	SHIELDSVILLE	1148 entries on 23 pages
\$4.00 + 1.00 " "	WALCOTT	361 entries on 7 pages
\$4.00 + 1.00 " "	WARSAW	497 entries on 10 pages
\$10.00 + 3.00 " "	WEBSTER	1272 entries on 25 pages
\$16.00 + 3.00 " "	WHEATLAND	1877 entries on 37 pages
\$12.00 + 3.00 " "	WHEELING	1354 entries on 27 pages

**CITY CEMETERY PRICE LIST.** The cemeteries in Northfield township and in Wells township are located within city limits. We decided not to include these four cemeteries under a township listing. They can be ordered separately.

#### COST OF POSTAGE PRICE LIST

A cemetery with three pages or less.....	\$ .50
A cemetery with four to fifteen pages.....	\$1.00
A cemetery with twenty to fifty pages.....	\$2.00
A cemetery with over fifty pages.....	\$3.00

Order from John Dalby  
723 Colonial Circle  
Faribault MN 55021

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Forest Brown, director of St. Olaf College library, received help-me letters from Grace FISHBACK. Since he is an experienced Norwegian researcher and has available in the Rolvaag library and the Norwegian American Historical Association a great deal of information, he kept her Norwegian query and sent the FISHBACK request on to RCGS. I have found some good information about the family, but there is still more to look for. Again, a marriage record for 1858 will have to be found in some church or township record for county records did not exist. John FISHBACK married Sarah HAMMANG.

Kathleen STRAITON is looking for data on John G. CONNER and his wife Elizabeth and for their daughter Rosa Ann CONNER who married John STRAITON. We found some early census in Northfield township. A St. Dominic's note indicates they lived south of Northfield. Again, these dates are pre-county records date of 1870.

C. Sharp COOK is researching another very early pioneer, Dakota county. Elza CONNER came to Hastings area, South Hampton, in 1859. His wife, Eleonora CROW died in 1861. He enlisted in the first MN Heavy Artillery, was discharged for disability in July, 1865, from the Chattanooga TN hospital. He died in Sauk Center 9 Jan 1890. His second wife was Julia Diamond. Hastings area information is needed to fill in the later years, particularly a death record for Elizabeth CROW.

## NORTHFIELD SOCIETY "EXPLORES" COUNTY HISTORICAL SOC. MUSEUM

A very interesting tour of the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 2nd Ave NW, Faribault (next to the fairgrounds), was enjoyed by our members at the 20 March meeting. Elizabeth Moe and John Dalby, Genealogical Society members who are also volunteers at the County Historical Society Museum, helped members locate family data available at the museum.

Resources tapped included papers on file, scrapbooks, old journals, index cards (we looked for obituaries, also found the original manuscript of a paper read at the Rice County Historical Society annual meeting a number of years ago, a paper which an out-of-state researcher was seeking). Areas covered included Faribault, Northfield, Lonsdale, Dundas, Warsaw, and Castle Rock (Dakota Co.)

A. W.

## COMING MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Northfield society will be held the third Tuesday of the month, with the exception of June, July, and August.

MGS meeting June 16 Bemidji State University

Southern Minnesota Genealogical Conference hosted by the Olmsted County Genealogical Society, Rochester MN October 27-28

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